

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
Sustainability Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
November 4, 2009

Present: Stafford, Stoddard, Duffy (chair), Britton, Lennon, Miller, Hart, Hultgren, Walton

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

The September 23, 2009 minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Walton reported that the \$500 Energy Challenge kick-off meeting on October 27, 2009 resulted in 13 households that are ready to participate. The next Clean Energy Team meeting on November 17 will be devoted to the strategy of working with this number of households. On a motion made by Hart/Stoddard, the Clean Energy Team was approved as a subcommittee of the Sustainability Committee with a recommended name change - the Energy Education Team.

Hultgren reported that Joe Antelmi, a UConn economics student, is the work study intern who is gathering municipal energy information and entering it into the Small Town Carbon Calculator. He is using 2007/08 data and has started with the municipal building energy use.

Hultgren distributed a first draft of short-term (defined as 6 months to 2 years) and long-term goals. The committee identified several projects that the committee should be briefed on. It was decided to hold the briefings during a regular meeting time and invite the public. A presentation on the WINCOG regional economic development plan was identified as top priority. A meeting date was tentatively scheduled for December 9, 2009 at 7 pm. A briefing on the Mansfield school renovations was proposed for January 27 at 7 pm. In preparation for this briefing Miller offered to give a tour of the LEED silver certified UConn Burton Shenkman Family Football Complex on either Friday January 8 or 15 at 9 am. Staff will arrange these meetings and publicize.

Other Town projects that the committee would like to be briefed on are the proposed agriculture regulation changes, the remediation of the Eagleville Brook, the four corners development and the Storrs downtown intermodal center.

Hultgren handed out the 2010 strategic plan sustainability action steps in the suggested format that UConn used. In using this format, staff found that it was difficult to prioritize action steps since most of them are related to policy development or public education. No further decisions were made.

Miller circulated the UConn sustainability policy statement, and suggested that the

committee begin developing its own statement, possibly using the help of a work-study student.

Walton distributed a draft layout of Mansfield sustainability webpages for the members to look over and comment on.

The meeting dates for calendar year 2010 will be January 27, February 24, March 24, April 28, May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22, October 27, November 17 and December 15.

The next meeting will be scheduled for December 9, rather than December 23. Staff will confirm the meeting date change.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton
Recycling/Refuse Coordinator

Cc: Lon R. Hultgren, Director of Public Works, Members, file, Town Manager, Town Clerk